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Identical letters dated 12 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations committed from 14 to 28 February 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 15, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 12 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 17 to 28 February 2009, inclusive

Air violations

On 18 February 2009, between 1350 and 1351 hours, an Israeli enemy warplane violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Labbunah and circling over all regions of Lebanon.

On 19 February 2009, between 0645 and 1030 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah and heading north. It overflew the regions of the South and left over Naqurah.

On 23 February 2009, at 1835 hours, two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Ra's al-Naqurah. One released a heat balloon over Lebanese territorial waters before they both left at 1850 hours.

On 24 February 2009, between 1845 and 1920 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea and flying north as far as Beirut. It circled over the sea and left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 25 February 2009:

- Between 0745 and 1040 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the occupied Shab'a Farms and flying north as far as Jubb Jannin. It circled over the Western Bekaa then left over Aytarun.
- Between 2050 and 2155 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering from over the sea off Tyre and flying north. It circled between Beirut and Damur and left over the sea off Naqurah.

On 26 February 2009:

- Six Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace as follows:
- At 0900 hours, four warplanes entered over Kafr Killa and circled over Beirut, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 0925 hours over Rumaysh;
- At 0904 hours, two warplanes entered over Kafr Killa and circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1015 hours over Alma al-Sha'b;
- Between 0655 and 1815 hours, an Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut, Damur and the South before leaving over Rumaysh.

Sea violations

On 18 February 2009, at 0100 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position at Ra's al-Naqurah, directed a searchlight for 15 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters some 300 metres north of the line of buoys. At 0140 hours, it did so again for

seven seconds; at 0345 hours it repeated the exercise for five seconds on some three occasions; and again at 2040 hours for 10 seconds.

On 23 February 2009, at 1955 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position off Ra's al-Naqurah, directed a searchlight for four seconds towards buoy No. 5 and some 300 metres inside Lebanese territorial waters.

On 24 February 2009:

- At 1905 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol boat directed a searchlight for 30 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters some 100 metres north of the line of buoys.
- At 1830 hours, the Israeli enemy, from its position off Ra's al-Naqurah, directed a searchlight for five seconds towards buoy No. 1 inside Lebanese territorial waters.
- At 2036 hours, an Israeli enemy patrol boat directed a searchlight for 10 seconds towards Lebanese territorial waters some 100 metres north of the line of buoys, between buoys Nos. 7 and 8.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 21 February 2009, at 0835 hours, Israeli enemy artillery fired four 155-mm artillery shells which landed on the outskirts of Qulaylah and a further four which landed on the outskirts of the village of Mansuri. That was in response to the firing by unknown persons from Qulaylah of two rockets, one of which landed inside Lebanese territory outside Naqurah, while the second landed inside occupied Palestinian territory.